WARRICK COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD

REGULAR SESSION - AGENDA
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Meeting Date: September 14, 2026
Meeting Time: 2:30 P.M.

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Present: Bobby Howard, Morrie Doll, Stacey Franz, Sarah Seaton, Steve Spinks (Steve Sherwood, Terry Phillippe & Ondrea Temme not present)

The meeting was called to order following the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Approval of Minutes

August 24, 2026 meeting- Stacey Franz made motion to approve, Sarah Seaton seconded motion, motion approved (2-0)

2. Claims

Sarah Seaton: Morrie Doll for his monthly legal fees, work on Springle Ditch hold harmless agreement, and then for Alpha Laser Copy Services.

Stacey Franz: Yes, I'll make a motion to approve.

Sarah Seaton: And I'll second.

Sarah Seaton All in favor, motion approved (2-0)

3. BSM Group

Sarah Seaton: Next up is BSM Group.

Steve Spinks: They're not here, Sarah. I don't see anybody here from them.

Morrie Doll: I'd suggest we put it at the end of the agenda.

4. Grasslands at Turpin Hill Phase 2

Sarah Seaton: So, we'll move on to Grasslands at Turpin Hill Phase 2.

Jim Morley Jr.: Hello

Steve Spinks: You got everything, Jim

Jim Morley Jr.: I got color pictures.

Morrie Doll: Your just testing the new color copier.

Jim Morley Jr.: That's right. And so, this is just splitting apart some American Land Holding property for recreational or farm use. There's no new development planned or anything like that. On the exhibit I passed out, you can see where Lynnville and Elberfeld and the Boonville Country Club are. The end of this one is kind of that little turquoise sliver right there. And so, it's just, for lack of a term, extra mine ground that they don't need anymore. And so, it'd just be what it is.

Morrie Doll: Is it farmed right now or mined?

Jim Morley Jr.: I don't think its farmed right now.

Morrie Doll: Okay, So, it's reclaimed soil that's not farmed. It's not been restored to level farming.

Jim Morley Jr.: Could be, I guess if somebody wants to.

Sarah Seaton: Okay.

Steve Spinks: No drainage required.

Stacey Franz: All right. I'll make a motion to approve.

Sarah Seaton: I'll second.

Sarah Seaton: All in favor, motion approved (2-0)

Lake Forest Phase 2

Sarah Seaton: Lake Forest Phase 2

Jim Morley Jr.: And so, same story—ground for recreational.

Steve Spinks: No drainage required.

Stacey Franz: Okay. I'll make a motion to approve Lake Forest Phase 2.

Sarah Seaton: I will second.

Sarah Seaton: All in favor, motion approved (2-0)

Harmony Hills No. 2

Sarah Seaton: Harmony Hills No. 2

Jim Morley Jr.: And so, Phase 1 was originally approved from the last year or two and they just want to change a couple of the lots on there. They used to all be 10-acre lots, and so this is just a revision to make them different sizes. So, some people can buy a smaller lot, some people can buy a larger lot. But typically, when we have lots that large, we don't do stormwater systems for lots that big. Typically, when you're going from an agricultural field to grass, coefficients actually go down a little bit when you go from bare dirt to grass.

Morrie Doll: Is it the same number of lots?

Jim Morley Jr.: No, we're going from 5 lots on 50, roughly, to 8 lots on 50. And so there's 3 more building sites that still have about a 6-acre site, and they drain down. This is reclaimed also that has been reclaimed.

Morrie Doll: Yeah, to the west, southwest. I remember that from the Harmony Hills 1 presentation. So, actually, this is no different. You're asking for no drainage differences from what was approved for Harmony Hills 1, without any drainage.

Steve Spinks: No drainage required

Stacey Franz: I'll make a motion to approve Harmony Hills Phase 2.

Sarah Seaton: I'll second that.

Sarah Seaton: All in favor, motion approved (2-0)

Jim Morley Jr.: Thank you.

The Reserve Lot 16

Sarah Seaton: Next up is The Reserve Lot 16.

Glen Merit: So, this one was a month ago, maybe. Did a little more digging.

Steve Spinks: Yeah, it's been a while. At least 30 days. You're at your 30-day mark.

Glen Meritt: So we were just trying to vacate that retention easement and then started looking into the existing basin that was there and elevations and trying to make sense of everything. So, we went out to the site after that last meeting. I've revisited all the numbers, pretty easily. Prior, during the reports, they required like 30,700 cubic feet of storage, and I basically redesigned the basin based off existing features to have like 34,000 and change cubic feet of storage.

The weird part about this whole deal, the previous elevations do not match what was constructed. They're like 6 feet different. So, like I said, I just kind of started from scratch. Basically, tried to make everything that was there work with the new pool elevations that they were trying to build. That was the reason why we were vacating the easement.

So anyway, the main thing I had to do on my basin—it's got an existing outlet structure, concrete outlet structure. I don't know if it shows up in the pictures instead. Yeah, the third picture in that packet, just a square 3x3 box. And it's got a notch in each side of that box that's like 2 feet, 2'4" wide and it's a foot and a half or 2 feet tall. We're basically going to saw-cut that opening out another 11 inches to drop that permanent pool of that basin down and create a little bit more storage on top of it so that basin doesn't get as high and get up close to that pool elevation.

Sherwood had sent an email, I think after that last meeting—or it might have been even right before that meeting that we came to prior and wanted basically the elevation at our new easement line to be a foot above the top of the bank, and then the top of the bank to be a foot above the emergency spillway. And that's basically how I backed everything in with the design that I submitted last Thursday.

The pool of the lake is 395. The emergency spillway is 396, and then the top of the bank is 397 or 396.9. Then the elevation of the pool is 397.

Bobbie, I know Steve emailed me Thursday after I talked to him, and Steve Spinks and I tried to reach out. I was out of town Friday and I tried to reach out to him Friday afternoon and I wasn't able to get him... he was talking about the emergency spillway or something.

Bobby Howard: I think the original outlet structure, he was thinking that box was being cut. Is there an opening on top of that box?

Glen Meritt: It's wide open.

Bobby Howard: So, he was thinking that was also coming down well to the 396,

Glen Meritt: And it still can. What I was trying to do with that originally—I don't know if you remember what we did out at Liberty Lake on that one lake, we just put a big outlet structure and had a primary spillway, you know, the smaller spillway at the bottom. Then when it got up to that emergency spillway elevation, it had basically three windows or openings in that box to be the emergency instead of having an overland emergency. And that's what I was trying to do with that.

But Steve was like, the original plan showed an overland emergency spillway. So, he wanted the overland to stay. So, if we have the overland, it doesn't make any sense to have an emergency on that outlet control box to me. And so, I just decided to leave the box, not cut anything off of it, because we're going to have an overland flow that can't be blocked, you know, or anything like that. So that's why I took it away on that latest exhibit.

Bobby Howard: So your 12-foot-wide emergency spillway is at 396 then?

Glen Meritt: And that's the lowest—it's not real defined on what's there right now, but that's the lowest spot of the... so we just left it 8 to 11 inches out of it to get flat still at that lower elevation. Say we're dropping it about the same, dropping that weir in that control box,

Steve Spinks: Which is your picture on page two. That's the corner of the retention pond that they will be putting that emergency spillway in. Picture three is the one that is existing there now. And then I had a couple of other pictures that show the pool that the residents are wanting to finish with your permission.

Glen Meritt: And we're basically looking for approval for the drainage plan that I turned in.

Steve Spinks: Are you going to be here for that?

Glen Meritt: I am.

Steve Spinks: Okay. The resident landowner came in. The contractors there too. I would like to say that they are going to put up a cashier's check or a line of credit if this is approved to go forward. They will have the money put up to secure this project of this emergency overflow. Correct?

Landowner : Nods yes

Steve Spinks: Yeah, I met him today. I was out there and took these pictures—hot off the press. I met that young man there today.

Stacey Franz: I will make a motion to vacate the portion of the easement for The Reserve Lot 16.

Sarah Seaton: And I will second.

Sarah Seaton: All in favor, motion approved (2-0)

Sarah Seaton: See you at four.

Steve Spinks: Thank you.

Town of Newburgh & Common Wealth Engineers:

Sarah Seaton: Town of Newburgh

Morrie Doll: We would like to have that by mutual consent with Chris Wischer and I extended for two additional weeks. I think we've resolved this, and let me recite what I understand the resolution to be. I haven't seen it in writing. That's the two weeks we're asking for.

The Town of Newburgh is going to excavate the area. They're going to remove the chunks of concrete ribbon from the bottom of the surface drain ditch that's there. They're going to fix it at 100% Newburgh's out-of-pocket expense. That ditch—they're going to install the replacement sanitary sewer below that ditch. They're going to reinstall the ditch back on top, graded, and they're going to insert what I call concrete mats. And I'm sure Bobbie... yeah. So instead of the ribbon, which has broken up over a period of time, the mats will allow sod to grow through. They are removable to repair anything in the future, but we're not agreeing to any future liability for Warrick County to do any of the repairs.

Stacey Franz: Okay

Sarah Seaton: Okay

Morrie Doll: That's the verbal agreement Chris Wischer and I reached. Paperwork is forthcoming.

Sarah Seaton: Okay. Sounds good.

Morrie Doll: So if we could table it for two more weeks, please.

Sarah Seaton: Absolutely.

Sarah Seaton: Then, did anybody come in for BSM? We'll table that.

Bobby Howard: Is that it for your business?

Sarah Seaton: Yes.

Steve Spinks: Well, is Mike Gesselman on yours?

Bobby Howard: I have him mentioned as his SWPPP approval, so he can come up and speak during that point. I guess he's here on that then.

Steve Spinks: Yeah, we're done, ladies.

StormWater:

Westwood Subdivision Sections A & B:

Bobby Howard: First item I have on here is the release of the retainage for Westwood. All that work is complete, and I believe it's $6,500, and I'll just ask for approval of the release of paying the retainage.

Stacey Franz: I'll make that motion.

Steve Spinks: I'll second.

Sarah Seaton: All in favor, motion approved (3-0)

Mr. Gesselman- Ellerbusch & Willow Pond Rd:

Bobby Howard: The next item I have is just the report on Mr. Gesselman. He does have an approved SWPPP. I believe it was approved September 3rd. And is it in order. I don't know if he needs to address the board.

Morrie Doll: So, it's no longer in violation.

Bobby Howard: Correct.

Steve Spinks: Do we need to make a motion on anything there?

Morrie Doll: That it would be no longer in violation, that would be the correct motion.

Steve Spinks: I make a motion for that.

Stacey Franz: Second.

Sarah Seaton: All in favor, motion approved (3-0)

Sarah Seaton: Thank you for your work on that.

Sarah Seaton: Anything else?

Bobby Howard: No.

Sarah Seaton: Okay. Any citizens request for comments? Once, twice. Nope. Okay.

Stacey Franz: Motion to adjourn.

Steve Spinks: Second.

Sarah Seaton: All in favor, motion approved (3-0)